of agreed minutes between the two aides and the Trade Protocol covering the period 20th September, 1989 to 19th September, 1990, was also signed.

1182. Withdrawn.

Proposal from all India Scheduled Castes Cooperative Society for Borrowing Funds from abroad

1183. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal from All India Scheduled Castes Cooperative Society for borrowing funds from abroad for its 100 per cent export-oriented Flower Unit have been considered by the Ministry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Society has not yet furnished additional data required for completing the loan formalities.

Irrigation projects awaiting central clearance

1184. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the names of the irrigation projects awaiting clearance from the Central Government alongwith the dates on which each was submitted and the resultant escalation cost due to delay in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of export processing zone in Karnataka

1185. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms followed for the setting up of Export Processing Zones in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to set up one such unit in Karnataka; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) No specific norms have been evolved for the setting up of Export Processing Zone in the country. However, while approving the setting up of the new Zones at Madras. Cochin, Noida, Falta and Visakhapatnam the following criteria recommended by the Tandon Committee were kept in view:

1. Proximity to an international sea port or airport;

2. Industrial infrastructure such as ancillary industries for material and components supplies, repairs and service facilities etc.

3. Commercial infrastructure such as financial-cum-business services like banking, insurance, warehousing;

4. Linkage with a good hinterland for supply of domestic inputs and services;

5. Availability of good communication facilities including rail road and or air and tele-communication;

6. Community infrastructure such as housing, health facilities and municipal services; and

7. Involvement of State Government, particularly for provision of infrastructural facilities.